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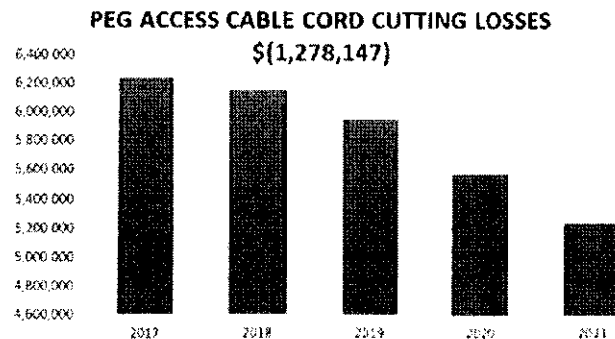
March 4, 2022

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Local interest is at heart here and as you know, corporatization of media enterprises control it including newspapers, broadcasters, cable outlets and online sites. PEG services provide important town government, educational, and public interest content. Senate Bill 278 *An Act Requiring Multichannel Video Programming Distributors To Pay A Community Access Programming Fee* would remedy the funding mechanism for PEG from already written 2020 language that was reviewed by the OLR by changing the fee by subscriber model to fee for subscriber. Providers who sell cable or internet services to customers in Connecticut must pay a PEG fee or there will be significant consequences to our services. We are looking at millions of dollars in loss here and demand continues to grow.

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Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman

Regional CT CAPs

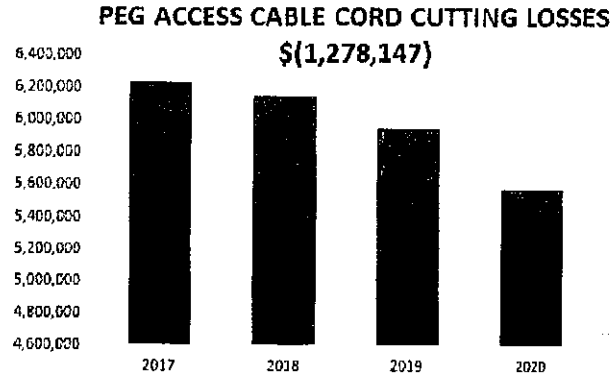


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Glenn Planka, First Selectman

Mary Ann Pleva
contezsa@gmail.com
Essex, Ct. 06426
March 5, 2022

Energy and Technology hearing of March 8, 2022

I am Mary Ann Pleva of Essex and I write in support of senate bill # 278

I have been involved in public access TV for many years. In the 1980's I served as Executive Director of Windsor's public access television station, WIN-TV. Then in its infancy, this new station quickly rose to meet the needs of the community. We created and aired programming, shared ideas, provided training workshops and kept the community informed of local matters of interest.

After moving to Essex in 2002 and becoming involved in the Essex Historical Society, I was encouraged to create oral histories of community members. I thought working with Valley Shore Community TV would be a good partnership. I began the Looking Back series in 2015. It has been rewarding for all. I am often stopped by strangers who compliment the show's content and mention their enjoyment of public access TV.

At a time when local news is virtually non-existent (newspaper and TV), public access TV is a welcome alternative to commercial television. I consider it of vital importance to maintain our access stations. Public access stations may be the only remaining source for providing local news and entertainment.

Please support Senate Bill # 278 for the continued betterment of all our communities.

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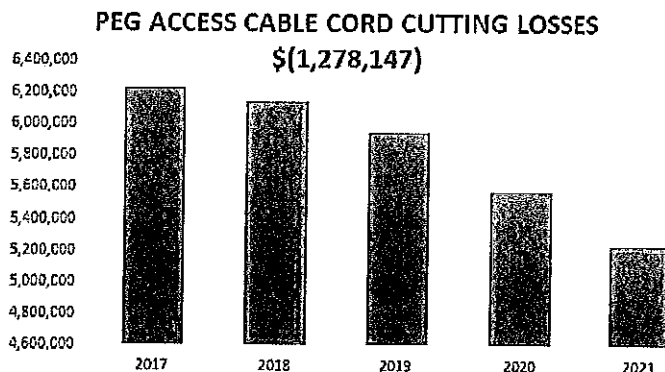


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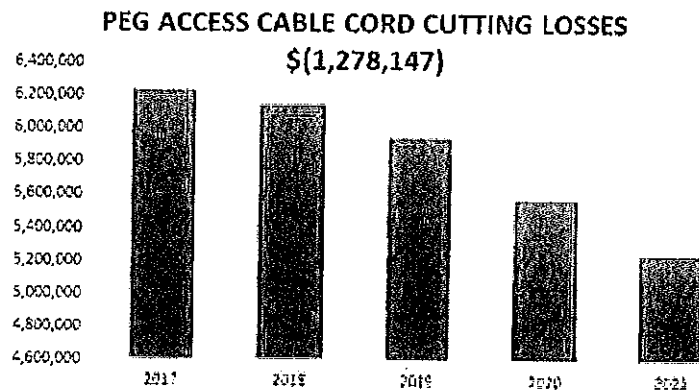


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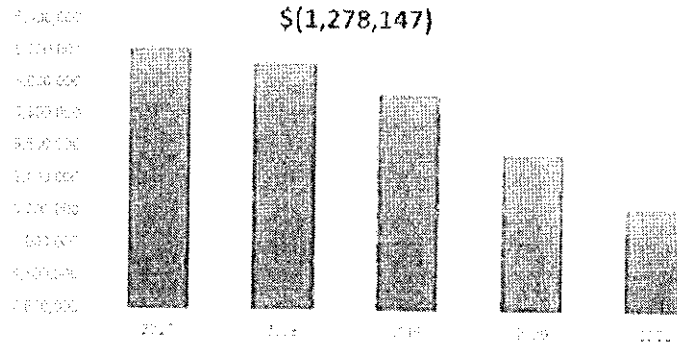
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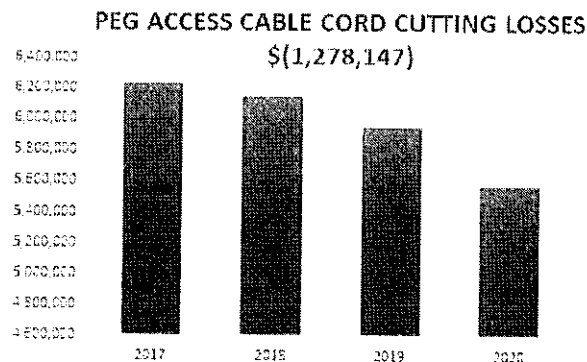


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Beverly Jackson

From: Temple Roy <templel@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 11:38 AM
To: David.Arconti@cga.ct.gov; Norm.Needleman@cga.ct.gov
Cc: Temple Leroy (Roy)
Subject: Support Needed to SAVE PEG Access

Leroy E. Temple, Ph.D.

21 Hillcrest Avenue

New Britain, Connecticut 06053-2536

March 7, 2022

Senator Needleman and Representative Arconti, Co-Chairs E&T Committee

Dear Chairs,

I have served on the Board of Nutmeg TV as president since 1991 and have, thus, participated in both the initial strong support for Community Access TV in Connecticut and the current evident decline in that support. As indicated in other communication, a variety of factors have contributed to this decline in support, not least, the regulatory supervision of the cable and television streaming industry in Connecticut. While I appreciate that traditional cable television is on the decline, resulting in the diminishment of paying CATV subscribers, virtually all of us are still receiving our televised entertainment etc. over wires connected to our homes provided by the very same "Cable TV" providers that "subscribers" paid for their cable TV services but now only pay for "internet" access. Up until 2007, regulation required that CATV providers negotiate their Connecticut franchise renewal on a periodic basis, including the nature and extent of their support for Public Access. It appears that beginning in 2007 Connecticut abdicated it's responsibility for regulation of the industry resulting in less and less support for Community Access.

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Thank You very much for your attention.

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Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 11:45 AM
To: William.Petit@housegop.ct.gov
Cc: Temple Leroy (Roy)
Subject: Support Needed to SAVE PEG Access

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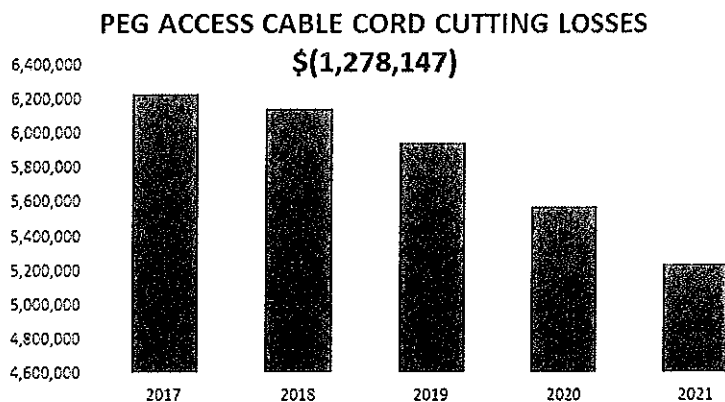
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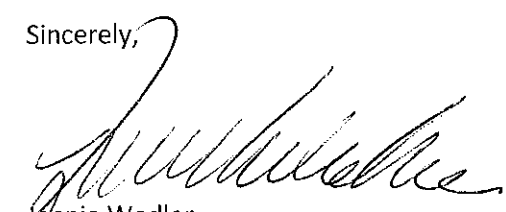
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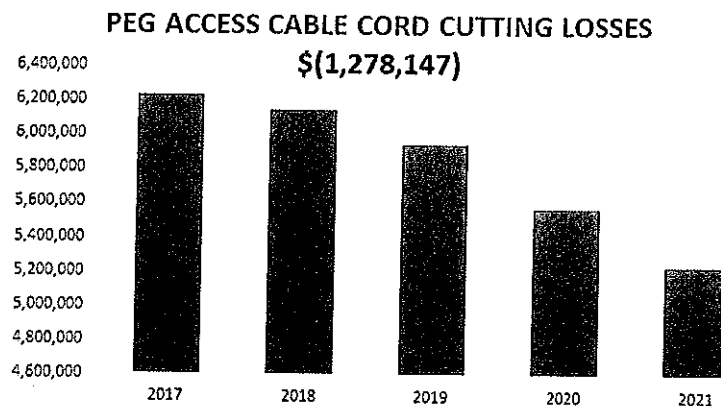

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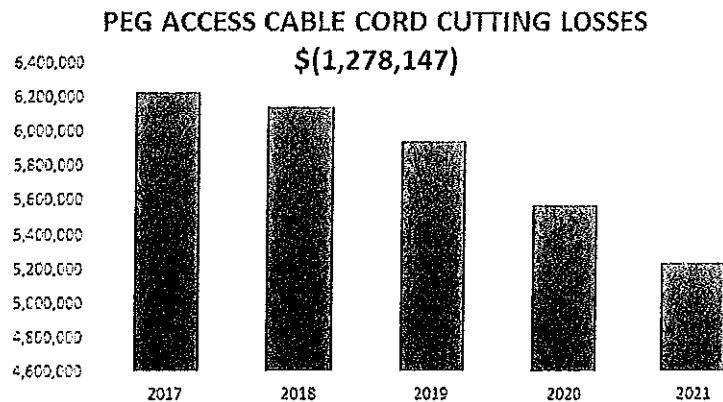

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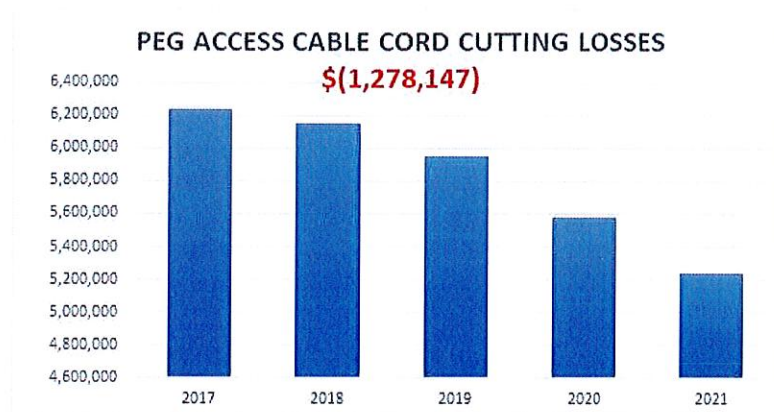
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I have served on the Board of Nutmeg TV as president since 1991 and have, thus, participated in both the initial strong support for Community Access TV in Connecticut and the current evident decline in that support. As indicated in other communication, a variety of factors have contributed to this decline in support, not least, the regulatory supervision of the cable and television streaming industry in Connecticut. While I appreciate that traditional cable television is on the decline, resulting in the diminishment of paying CATV subscribers, virtually all of us are still receiving our televised entertainment etc. over wires connected to our homes provided by the very same "Cable TV" providers that "subscribers" paid for their cable TV services but now only pay for "internet" access. Up until 2007, regulation required that CATV providers negotiate their Connecticut franchise renewal on a periodic basis, including the nature and extent of their support for Public Access. It appears that beginning in 2007 Connecticut abdicated it's responsibility for regulation of the industry resulting in less and less support for Community Access.

I've been involved long enough to remember the very good working relationship between the CATV providers and Public Access stations like Nutmeg TV. Their representatives attended our board meetings and express a genuine concern for providing excellent Public Access facilities and services within their franchise areas. This apparently no longer exists.

During my time as Director of Media Services at Central Connecticut State University (1985-2006), we provided programing to Nutmeg TV and worked with them in supporting their education channel. Central worked closely with Comcast when they wired the entire campus, including classrooms and offices, to provide CATV to the dorms, thus capturing the resident students as cable customers.

Today, we watch TV on our phones, tablets computers and TVs, mostly provided by WIFI which comes to us primarily thanks to the traditional CATV provides. Even "streaming" content provided by Public Access via YouTube or their web sites is available through internet access. Public Access is an essential forum making

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Thank You very much for your attention.

Most Sincerely,

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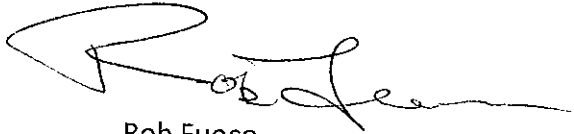
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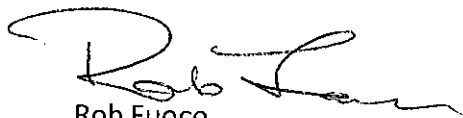
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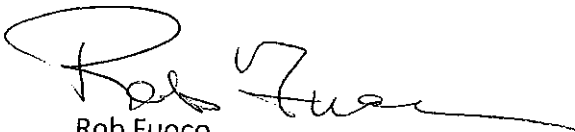
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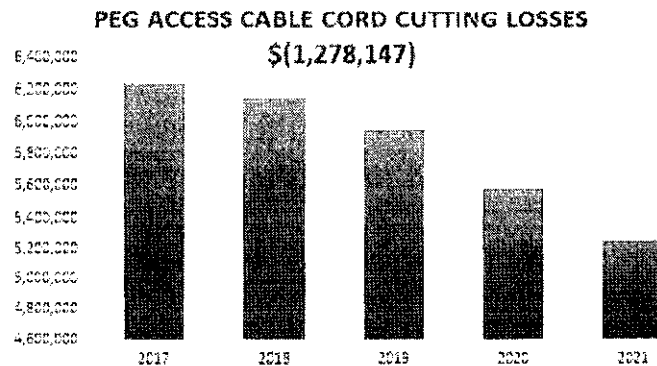

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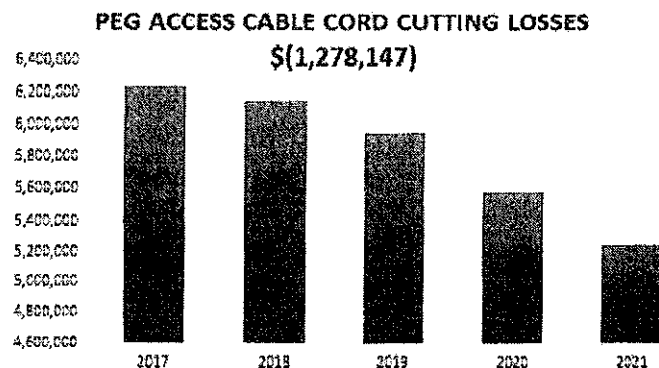

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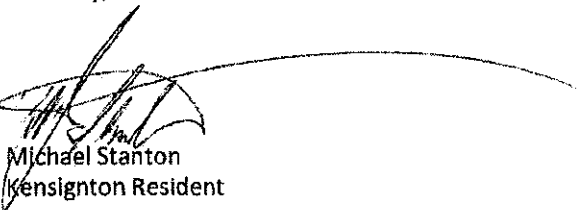
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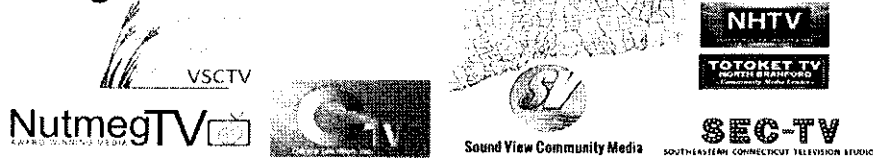


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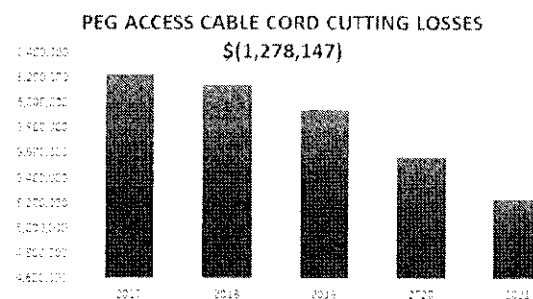
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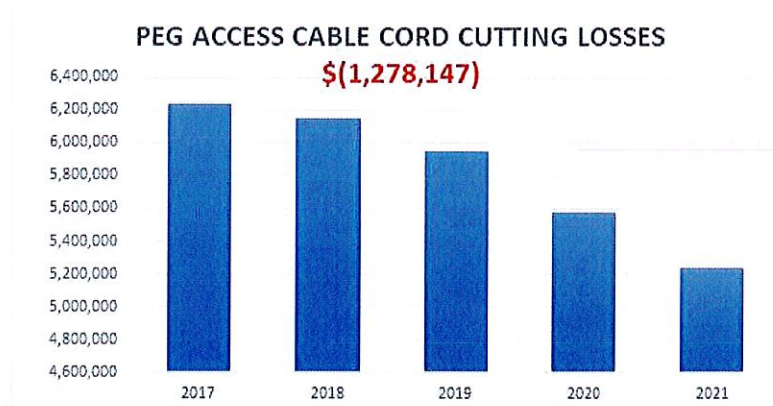
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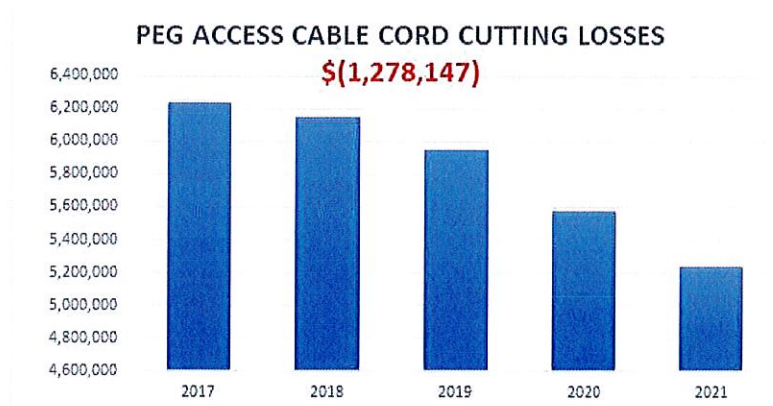
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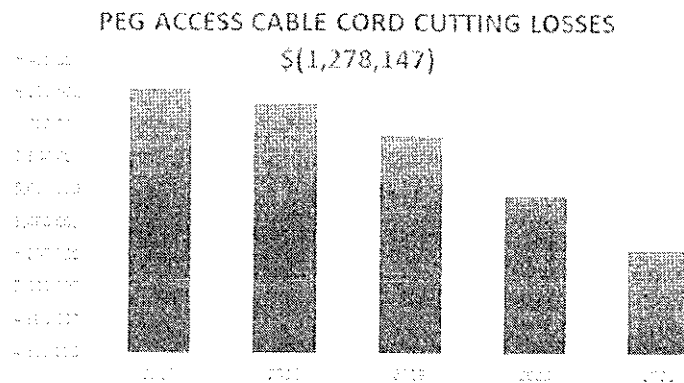
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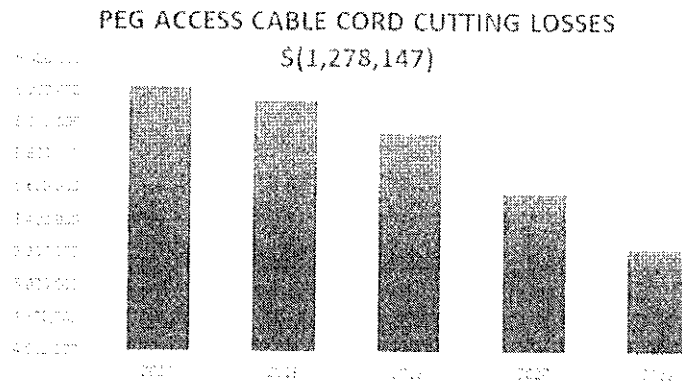
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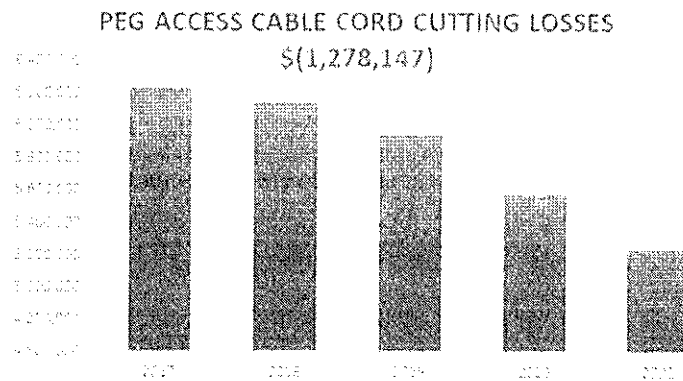
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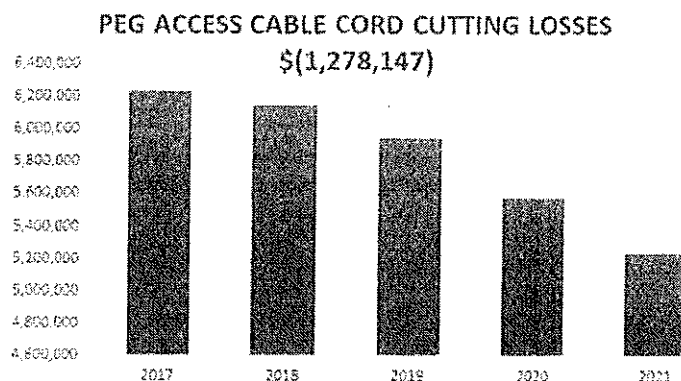
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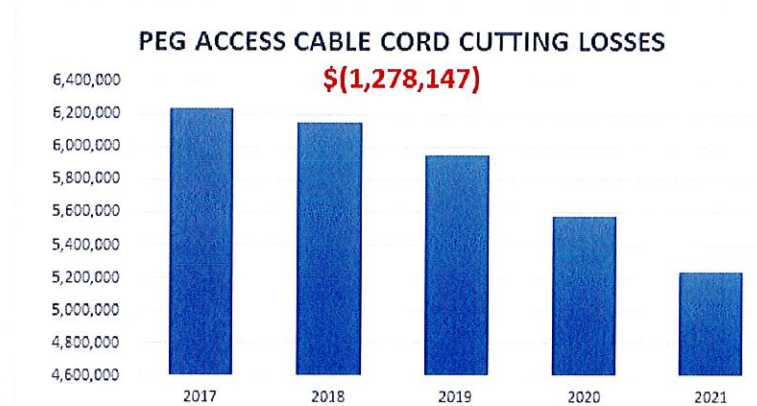
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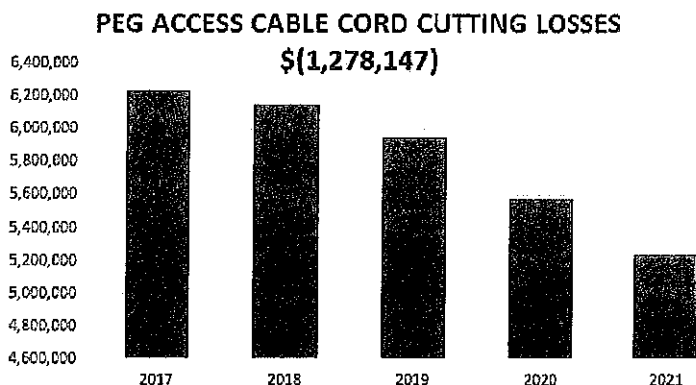
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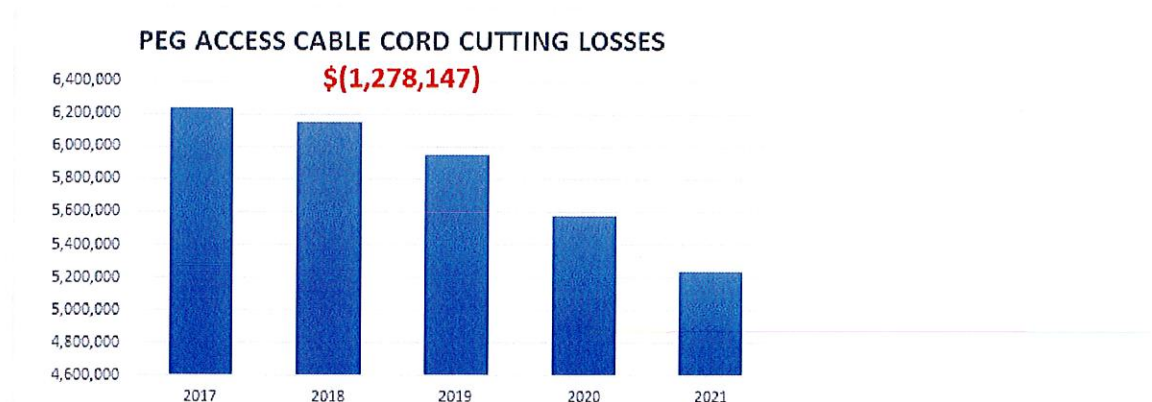
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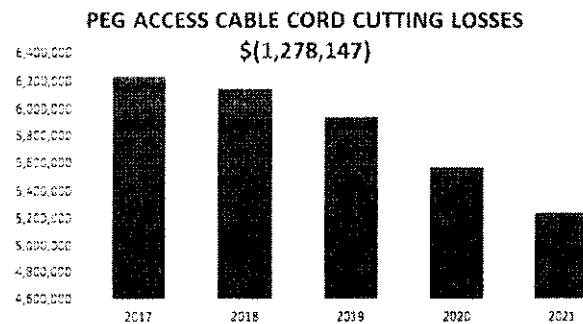
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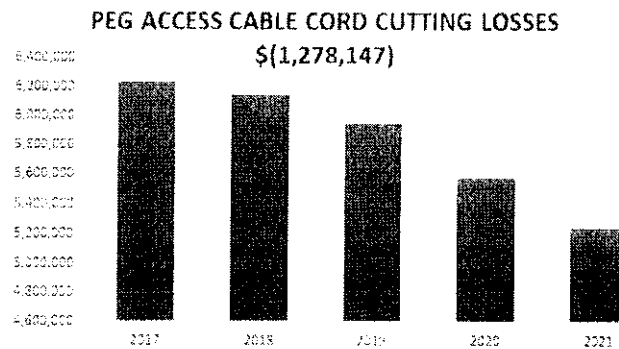
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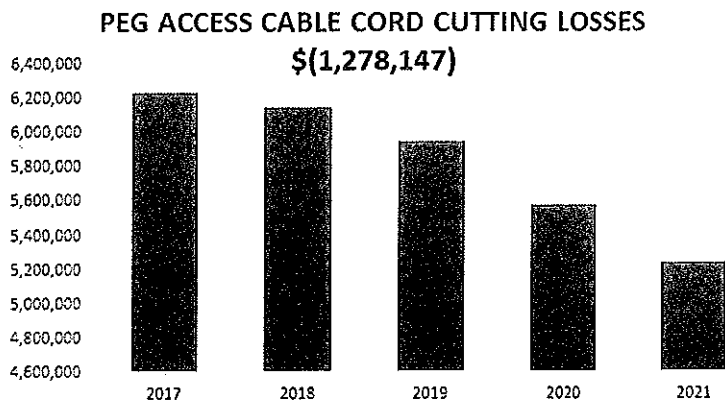
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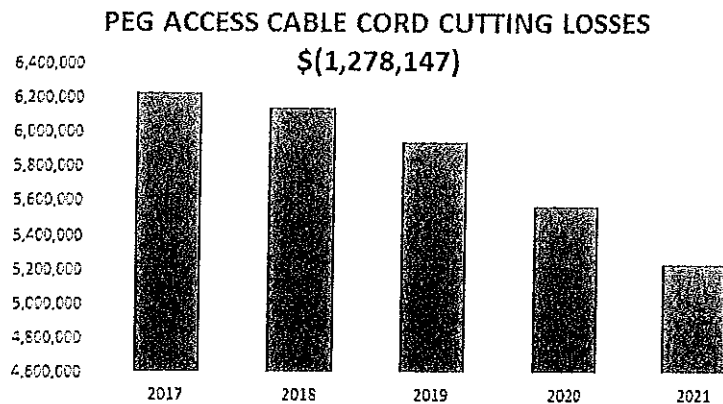
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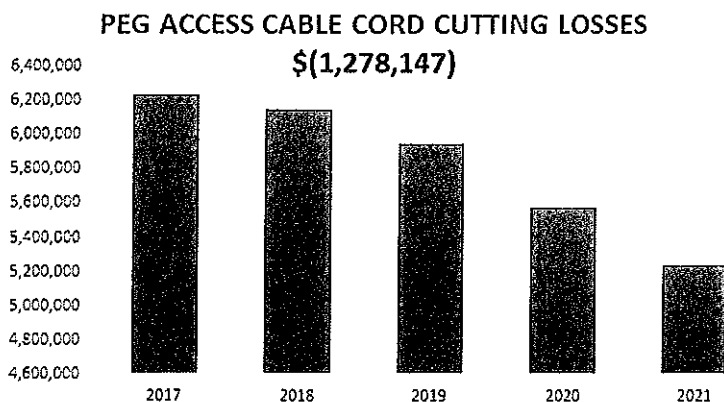
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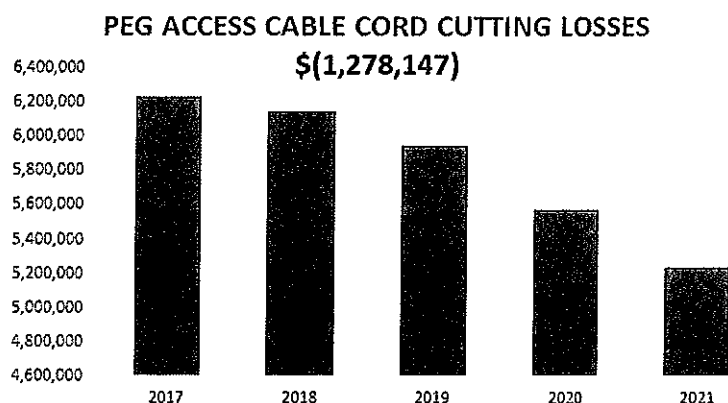
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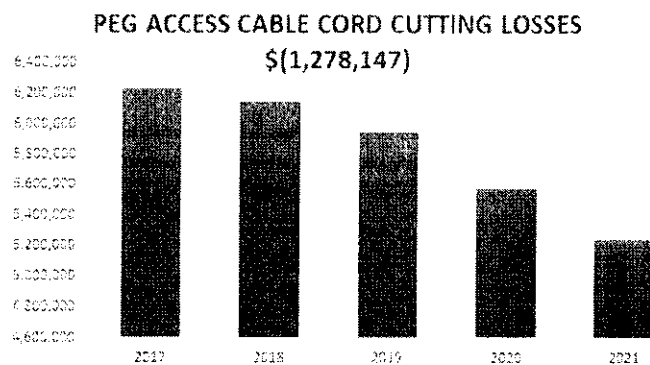
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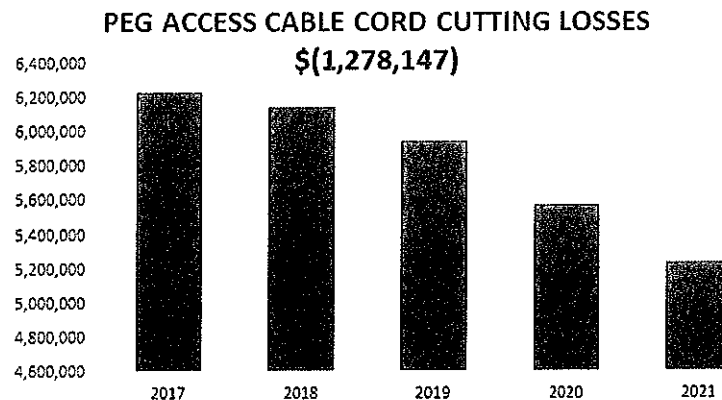
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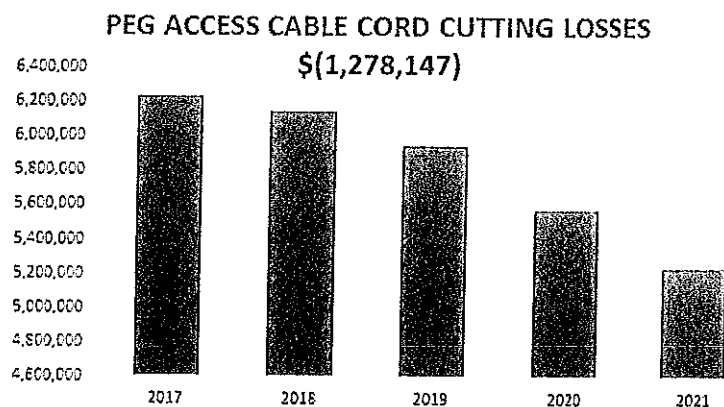
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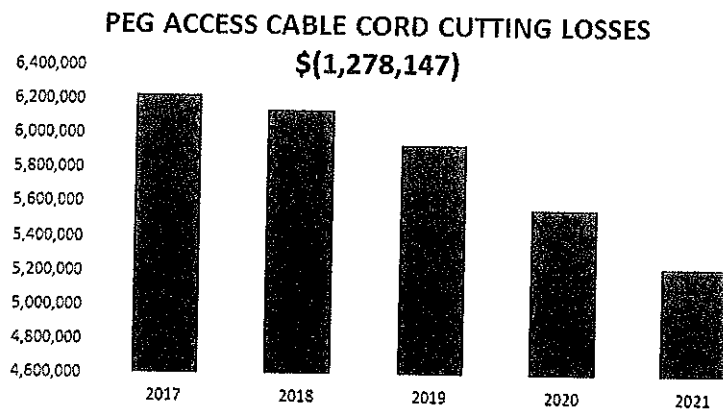
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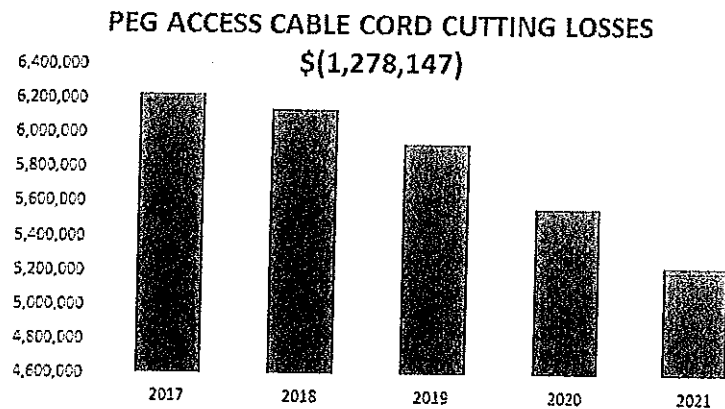
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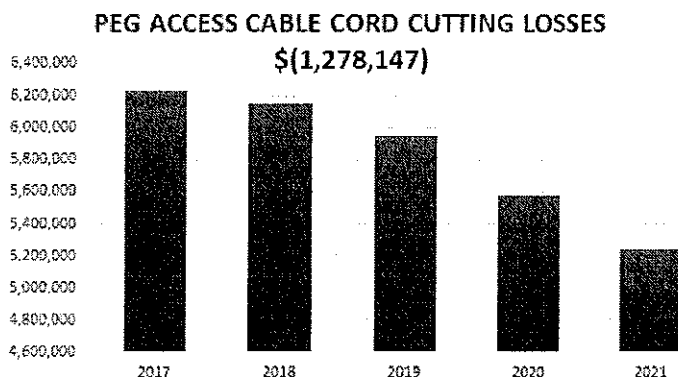


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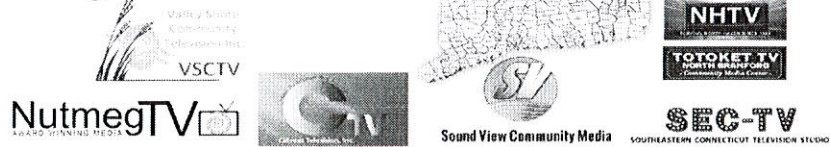
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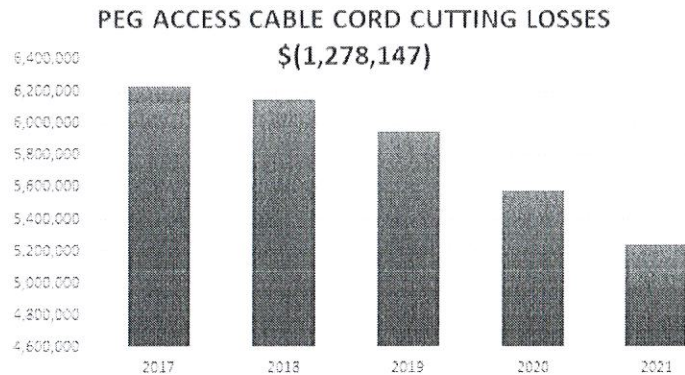


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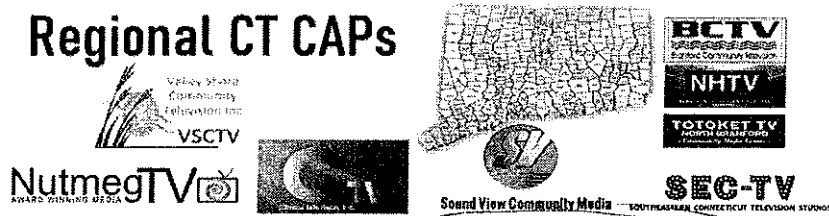
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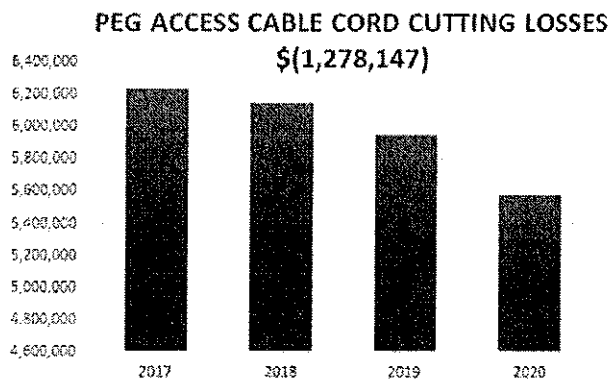


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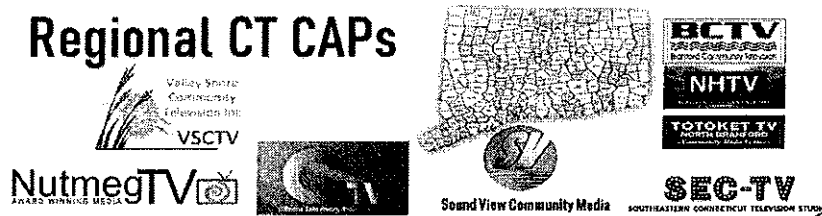
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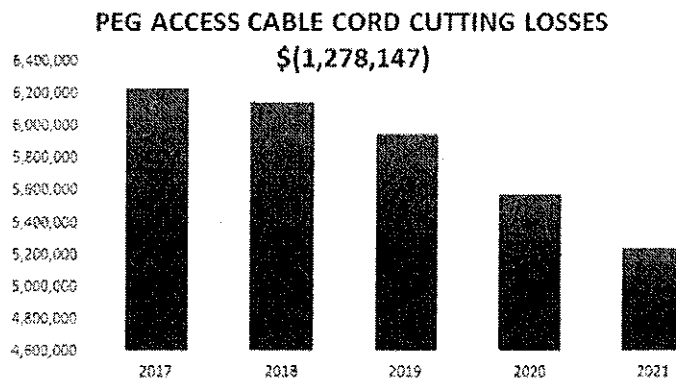


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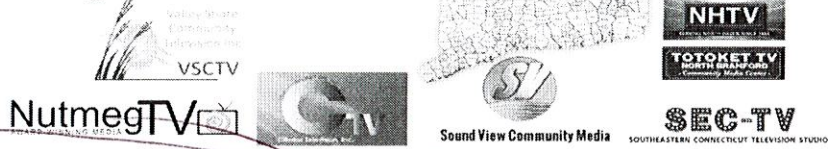
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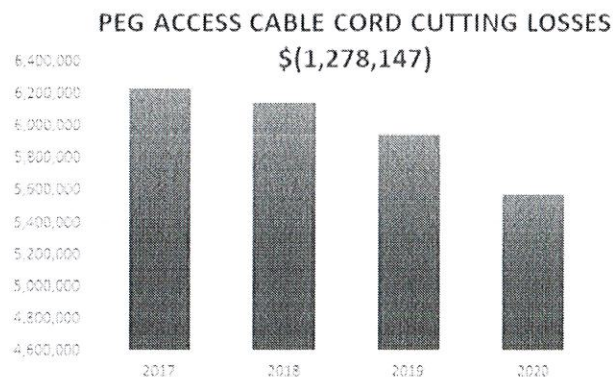


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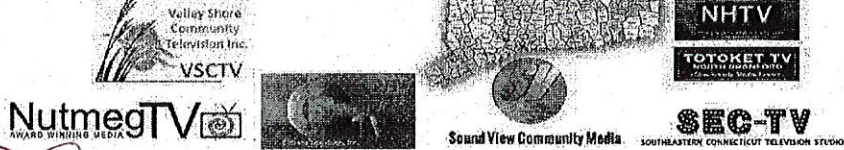
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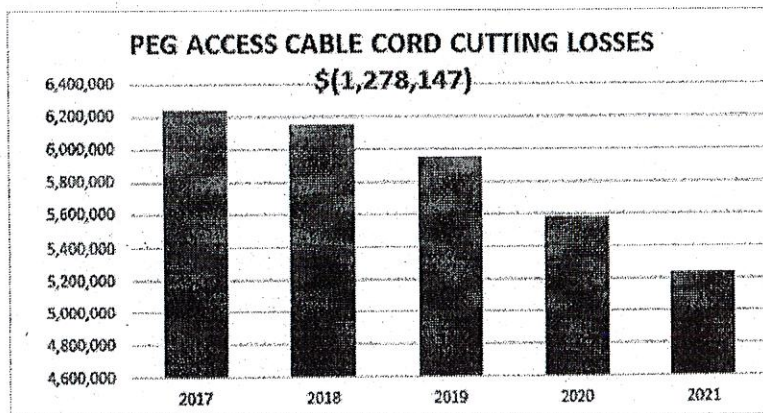


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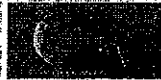
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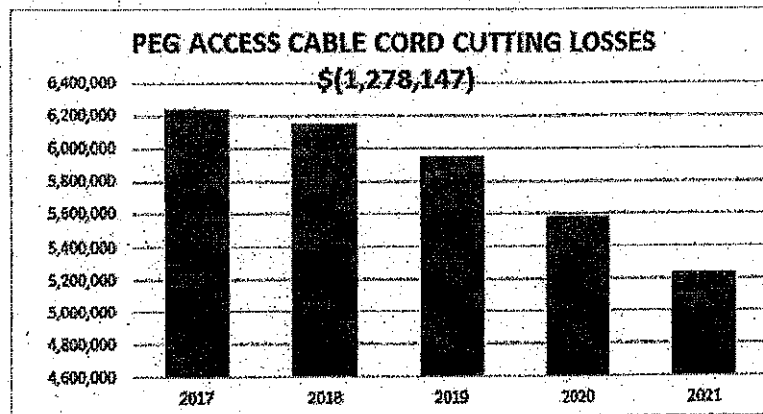
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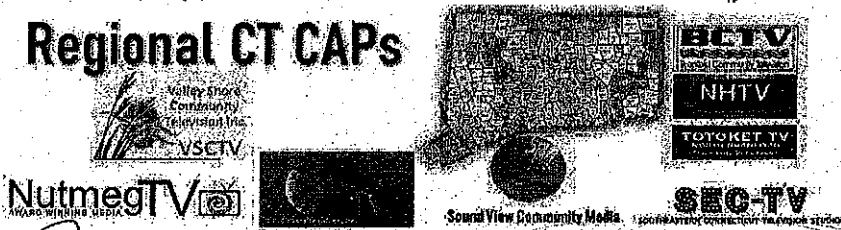
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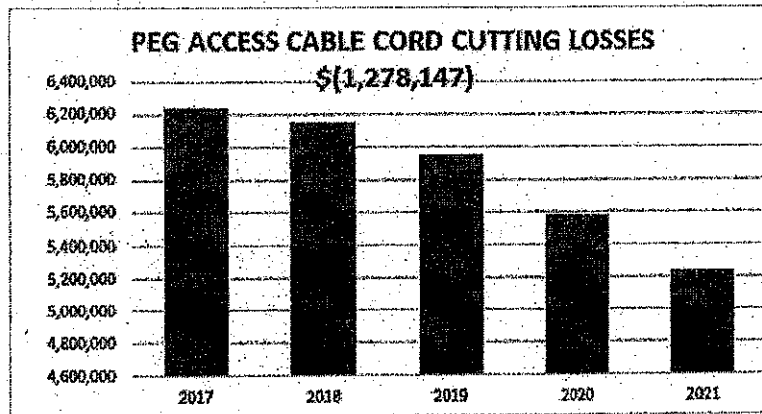


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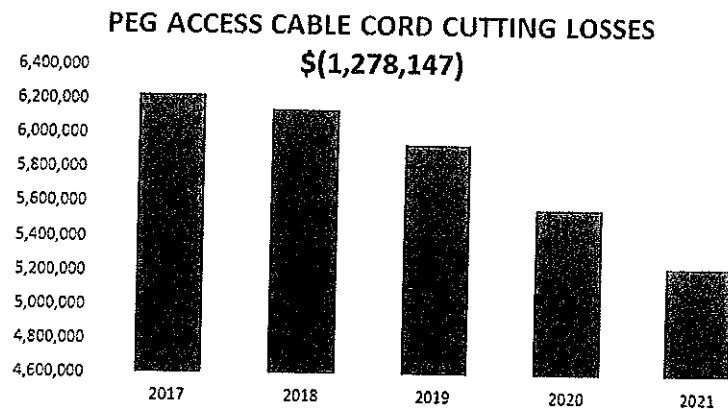
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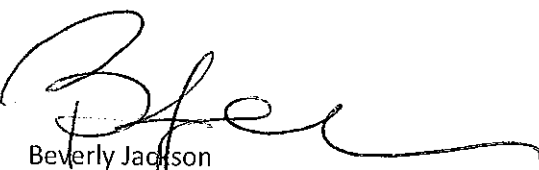
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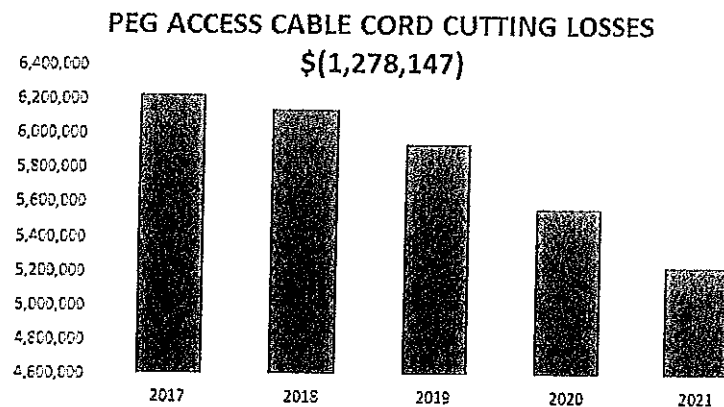

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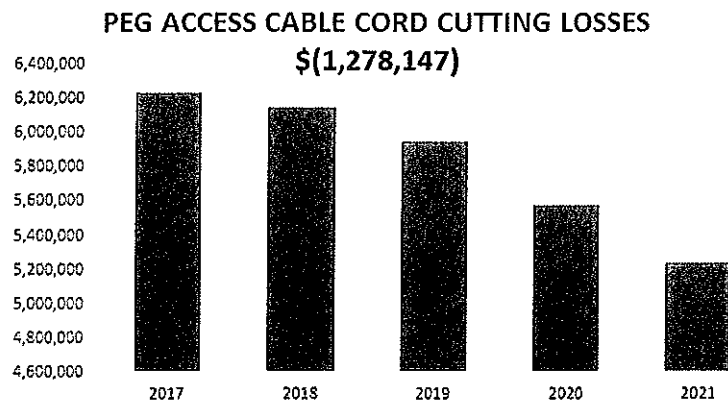

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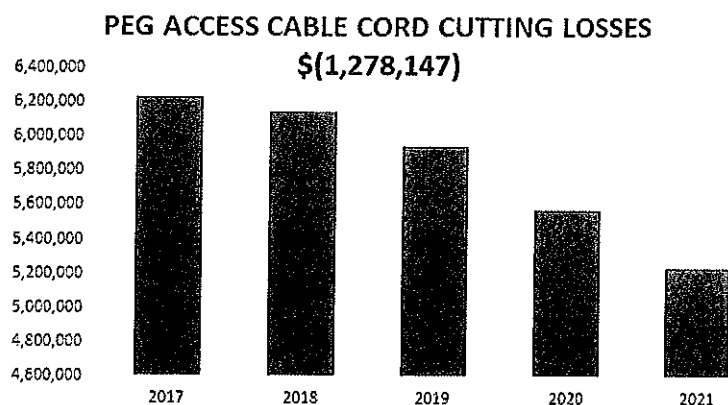
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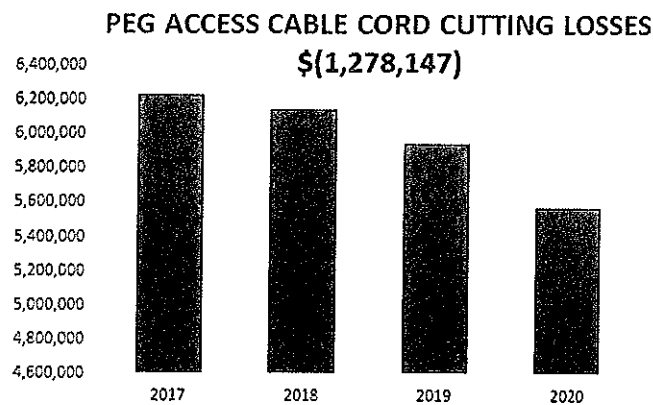
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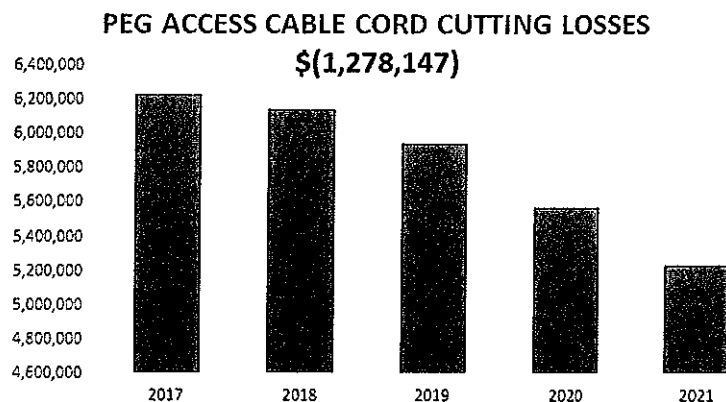
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Kesha Risby sent in an email to her Representative herself.

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All set.

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